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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: A method of provisioning a route in a connectionless communications network such that a guaranteed quality of service is provided.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 3, 2005

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir

In response to the Office Action of March 3, 2005, Applicants submit that the application would not have been obvious in view of the cited prior art.

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